

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland QA-7	
COUNTY: Queen Anne's County	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Bowlingly	
AND/OR HISTORIC: From 1798 for a brief period, "Neale's Residence"; from 1905 to 1914, "The Ferry House"; 1914, reverted to Bowlingly;	
2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Queenstown	
STATE Maryland (21658)	CODE 24
COUNTY: Queen Anne's	CODE 035

3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Helen H. Burgess (Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess)			
STREET AND NUMBER: Bowlingly			
CITY OR TOWN: Queenstown	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Queen Anne's County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Centreville	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;">           Restored after War of 1812            and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered in 1954         </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
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## SIGNIFICANCE

QA-7

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century

early

☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Patented, 1658; House built, 1733;

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

1813, British attack

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

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The 1733 house, built by Ernault Hawkins as a dwelling, was located on a tract called Bowlingly that his father had purchased in the seventeenth century. He chose a site for his house in close proximity to the eighteenth-century county seat, Queenstown, laid out in 1709 on the same tract of land.

Hawkins died in 1738 investing his estate with his wife who remarried almost a decade later. Her husband, Edward Neale, consolidated her inheritance into one tract: Neale's Residence. After Neale's death the house and land became the property of his daughter and son-in-law. Neale added two one-story wings indicated in his inventory of 1763 and in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment. Neale's grandson Richard Hall was the owner during the War of 1812. Hall sold it to James Massey in 1817.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Burgess, Helen H. Notes on Bowlingly. Files of the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Emory, Frederick. Queen Anne's County, Maryland Its Early History and Development. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1950;

Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798. Queen Anne's County. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38 ° 59' 36"	76 ° 09' 37"		0	0	
NE	38 ° 59' 41"	76 ° 09' 30"				
SE	38 ° 59' 36"	76 ° 09' 23"				
SW	38 ° 59' 31"	76 ° 09' 30"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: sixteen (16) acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess	
Staff		Bowlingly, Queenstown, Maryland	
ORGANIZATION	DATE		
Maryland Historical Trust	May 22, 1972		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
94 College Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Annapolis	Maryland	24	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title Maryland State Liaison Officer

Date May 23, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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Bowlingly

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Queen Anne's County Historic Buildings Survey

1970-71 Local

c/o James W. Valliant

Corsica Neck

Centreville, Maryland

Code: 24

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#7. DESCRIPTION continued

attack in 1813, were worked out in accordance with drawings of Maryland architecture of the early eighteenth century.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Whether or not Bowlingly was pillaged by the British, the house was altered after the War of 1812 during the occupancy of James Massey. He purchased the house and its considerable acreage in 1817. Massey was a county politician and sometime minor office holder. He belonged to the Federalist and later to the Whig parties. After Massey's death (1847) Charles J. B. Mitchell, another large land owner in the county, held Bowlingly. After Mitchell's death the house became a hotel serving passengers of the Baltimore-Queenstown ferry.

In the mid-twentieth century, Bowlingly was returned to its earlier appearance under the skilled direction of Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess.

The chain of ownership of Bowlingly begins with the original 200 acre patent on January 7, 1658, to James Bowling and continues unbroken to the present (1972) owner--a period of over three centuries.

While the overall size of the property has varied from time to time as successive owners bought or sold off separate parts of it, the original area of 200 acres where the house stands has never been interfered with. This has resulted in a park-like area where some of the greatest trees in the country have been able to grow and attain majestic size. These are described in Besley's "Big Tree Champions." He refers to the largest willow oak in the United States of America, now 21 1/2 feet in circumference, the largest catalpa, and the largest American linden. Unfortunately, the linden was uprooted and destroyed by a severe windstorm three years ago (1969).

The chain of ownership is as follows:

1658, James Bowling -- 1668, John & Stephen Tully -- 1680, John Hawkins -- 1717, Ernault Hawkins -- 1737, Elizabeth Hawkins, his wife -- 1746, Edward Neale, her second husband (buried at Bowlingly) -- 1761, Martha Hall, his daughter (buried at Bowlingly) -- 1767, Francis Hall, her husband -- 1789, their children -- 1790, Francis Hall, Jr., acquired her other children's interests -- 1798, Richard Hall, son of above -- sold to -- 1817,

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

James Massey -- 1843, William Stevens & Louisa Massey Stevens, widow and son-in-law of above -- 1851, Charles Mitchell -- 1884-97, various children of Mitchell's, inheritance -- 1897, bought by Queenstown Land and Development Company of Baltimore City, hotel period began -- 1914, S. E. W. Friel -- 1941, Friel's widow and children -- 1944, Caroline Jelke -- 1953, Helen Hamilton Woods.

#9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

Forman, Henry Chandlee. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland. Easton, Maryland: the author, 1934.

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An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Maryland. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, 1877.

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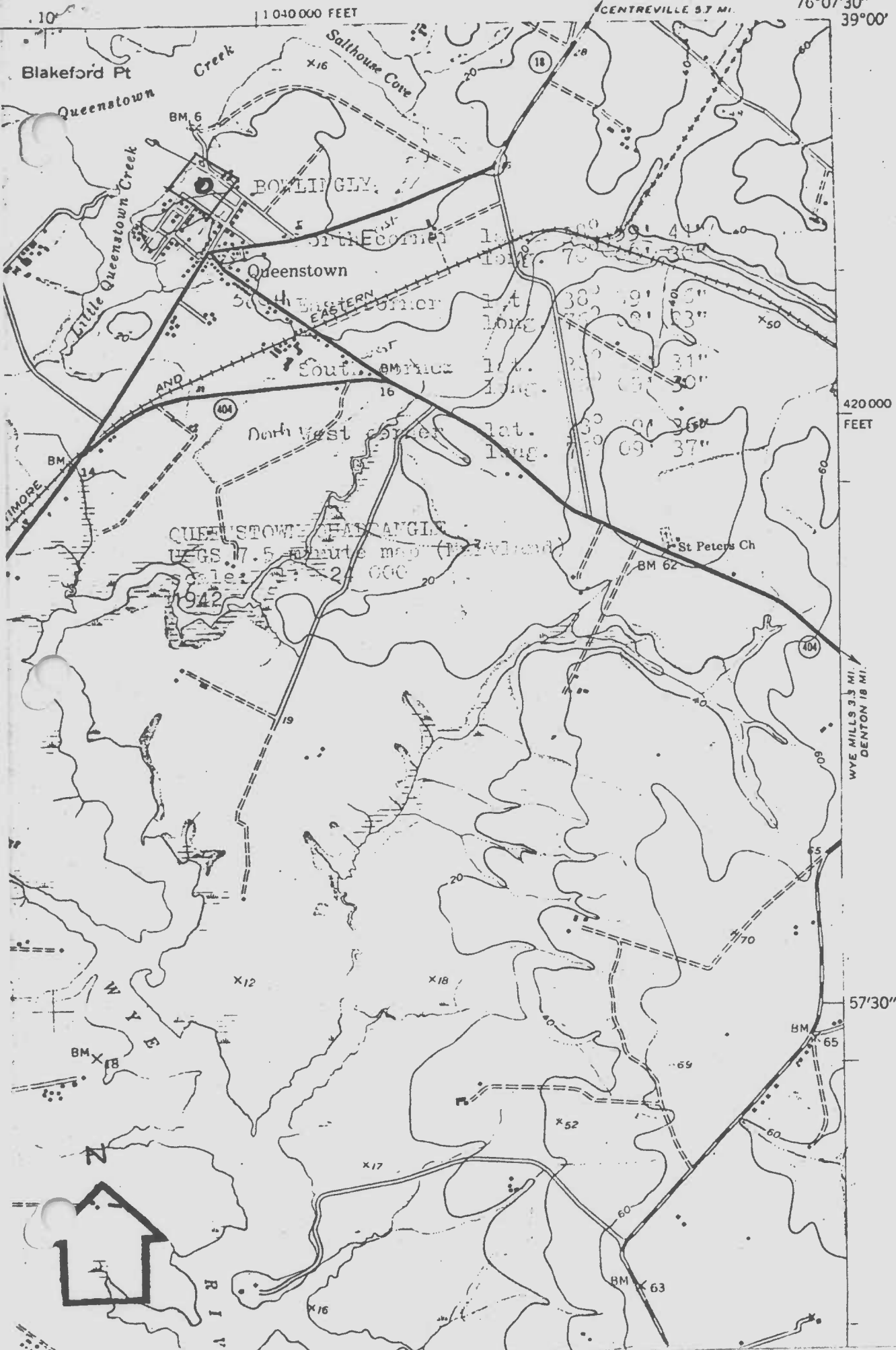
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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation  
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Account Identifier: District - 05 Account Number - 002125

#### Owner Information

Owner Name: CALDERON, DIEGO F & ALICIA  
RICHARDSON CALDERON T/E  
Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 111 BOWLINGLY CIRCLE  
QUEENSTOWN MD 21658  
Deed Reference: 1) SM / 955/ 145  
2)

#### Location & Structure Information

Premises Address  
111 BOWLINGLY CIR  
QUEENSTOWN 21658

Legal Description  
10 ACRES  
ON MARYLAND AVE  
IN QUEENSTOWN

WATERFRONT

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
51A		189						80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	Subdivision
		QUEENSTOWN
		03

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1733	5,264 SF	10.00 AC	
Stories 2	Basement YES	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior BRICK

#### Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	545,000	1,021,380		
Improvements:	509,560	613,300		
Total:	1,054,560	1,634,680	1,054,560	1,247,933
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

#### Transfer Information

Seller: O'BRIEN, MORGAN E & BELLE B	Date: 09/06/2002	Price: \$1,530,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: SM / 955/ 145	Deed2:
Seller: NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC	Date: 03/06/1984	Price: \$470,000
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: MWM/ 209/ 774	Deed2:
Seller: BURGESS, HELEN H, LIFE EST	Date: 12/31/1980	Price: \$0
Type: MULT ACCTS ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: MWM/ 171/ 228	Deed2:

#### Exemption Information

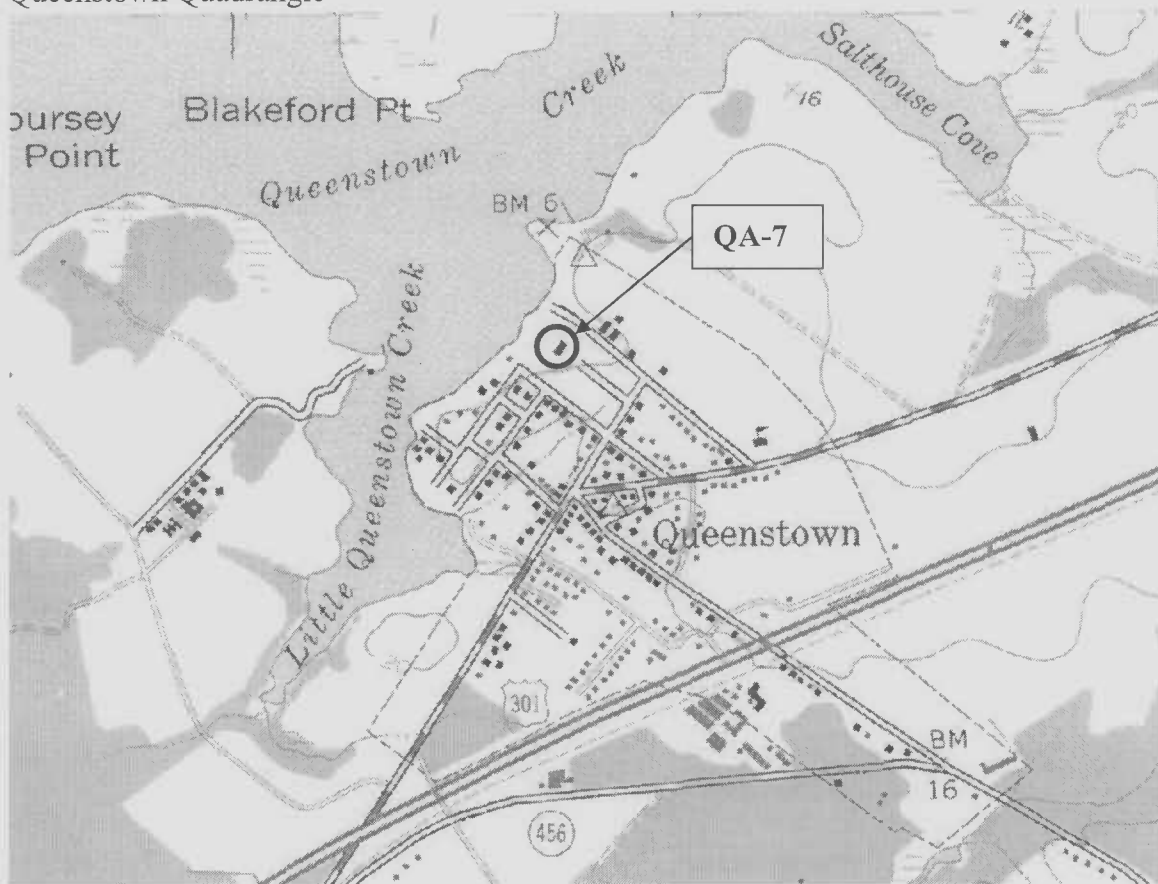
Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

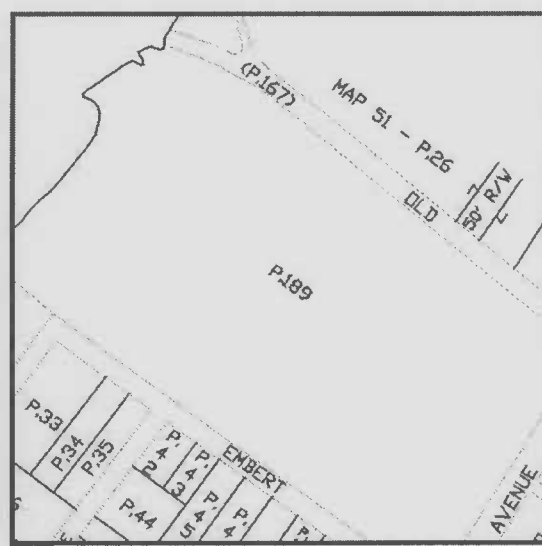
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 Bowlingly  
 111 Bowlingly Circle  
 Queenstown Quadrangle



1992-95 Aerial Photo



Tax Map 51A



## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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Queenstown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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(Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE, zip code

Maryland 21658

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COURTHOUSE,

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Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	Restored after War of 1812 and in 1954.	

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__ COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION		
__ 1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE		
__ 1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE		
__ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__ EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	__ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER		
__ 1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION		
__ 1900-	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	__ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__ OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		__ INVENTION				

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## 8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

from the numerically superior British force by Queenstown Creek, had enough time to retreat toward Centreville. This account appears in Frederick Emory's Queen Anne's County, Maryland Its Early History and Development (Baltimore, 1950), 430-436, and J. Thomas Scharf's History of Maryland from Its Earliest Period to the Present Day, 3 vols., reprint (Hatboro, Pennsylvania, 1967), III, 48-51.

The 1733 house, built by Ernault Hawkins as a dwelling, was located on a tract called Bowlingly that his father had purchased in the seventeenth century. He chose a site for his house in close proximity to the eighteenth-century county seat, Queenstown, laid out in 1709 on the same tract of land.

Hawkins died in 1738 investing his estate with his wife who remarried almost a decade later. Her husband, Edward Neale, consolidated her inheritance into one tract: Neale's Residence. After Neale's death the house and land became the property of his daughter and son-in-law. Neale added two one-story wings indicated in his inventory of 1763 and in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment. Neale's grandson Richard Hall was the owner during the War of 1812. Hall sold it to James Massey in 1817.

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## 8.2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Whether or not Bowlingly was pillaged by the British, the house was altered after the War of 1812 during the occupancy of James Massey. He purchased the house and its considerable acreage in 1817. Massey was a county politician and sometime minor office holder. He belonged to the Federalist and later to the Whig parties. After Massey's death (1847) Charles J.B. Mitchell, another large land owner in the county, held Bowlingly. After Mitchell's death the house became a hotel serving passengers of the Baltimore-Queenstown ferry.

In the mid-twentieth century, Bowlingly was returned to its earlier appearance under the skilled direction of Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess.

The chain of ownership of Bowlingly begins with the original 200 acre patent on January 7, 1658, to James Bowling and continues unbroken to the present (1972) owner--a period of over three centuries.

While the overall size of the property has varied from time to time as successive owners bought or sold off separate parts of it, the original area of 200 acres where the house stands has never been interfered with. This has resulted in a park-like area where some of the greatest trees in the country have been able to grow and attain majestic size. These are

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## 8.3 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

described in Besley's "Big Tree Champions". He refers to the largest willow oak in the United States of America, now 21 1/2 feet in circumference, the largest catalpa, and the largest American linden. Unfortunately, the linden was uprooted and destroyed by a severe windstorm three years ago (1969).

The chain of ownership is as follows:

1658, James Bowling -- 1668, John & Stephen Tully --  
1680, John Hawkins -- 1717, Ernault Hawkins -- 1737,  
Elizabeth Hawkins, his wife -- 1746, Edward Neale,  
her second husband (buried at Bowlingly) -- 1761, Martha  
Hall, his daughter (buried at Bowlingly) -- 1767,  
Francis Hall, her husband -- 1789, their children --  
1790, Francis Hall, Jr., acquired her other children's  
interests -- 1798, Richard Hall, son of above -- sold to -  
1817, James Massey -- 1843, William Stevens & Louisa  
Massey Stevens, widow and son-in-law of above -- 1851,  
Charles Mitchell -- 1884-97, various children of  
Mitchell's, inheritance -- 1897, bought by Queenstown  
Land and Development Company of Baltimore City, hotel  
period began -- 1914, S. E. W. Friel -- 1941, Friel's  
widow and children -- 1944, Caroline Jelke -- 1953,  
Helen Hamilton Woods.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY sixteen (16) acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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Staff

and

Mrs. W. Randolph Burgess

Bowlingly, Queenstown, Maryland

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Supplemental Architectural Description

Bowlingly is a large brick dwelling house constructed in 1733 and enlarged at an early date. The house has been renovated several times, and today includes features associated with at least five different periods of construction.

The original house, dated 1733 on the gable end, is a two story brick structure that is seven bays long and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of the pitched gable roof. At an early date, probably in the mid-18th century, the house was enlarged by a one story brick wing that projects from the northeast gable wall.

According to oral tradition (and at least partially confirmed by documentary evidence) the house was damaged considerably by British soldiers during the War of 1812. The interior of the house was extensively renovated circa 1820s-1830s, possibly a belated result of the damage.

In the mid to late 19th century the one story wing was raised to two stories with a shallow hip roof, the original first story openings were significantly altered, the interior trim was replaced with Victorian details, and a two story brick wing was added to the northwest corner of the earlier wing.

The most extensive changes to the house date to

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the 20th century, when the house was further enlarged, the hip roof of the early wing was replaced with a pitched gable roof and Colonial cornice, and interior renovations were undertaken in the 19th century wing.

The main house is oriented on a northeast-southwest axis with the principal facade facing northwest down Queenstown Creek to the Chester River. The entrance door is located in the center bay of the first story flanked by two 9/6 windows on each side, and narrow, original 6/4 windows at the extreme northeast and southwest ends of the facade. On the second story, there are five 9/6 windows ranged across the facade, also flanked by narrow 6/4 windows at either end. Three of these four windows are now blind windows with black panels behind the sash, but originally all four probably provided light to small gable closets. This unusual fenestration pattern is virtually identical to the front facade at nearby Cloverfields (QA-2), built circa 1730.

The front facade of the house is laid in very regular glazed header Flemish bond above a beveled water table and glazed header Flemish bond foundation. A three course belt course laid in the same bond is carried across the facade between the first and second story. The upper two courses of this belt course have been hacked off more or less flush with the facade. This



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was probably done in the late 19th century in conjunction with the construction of a porch. The window openings have segmentally arched lintels 1 1/2 bricks high; glazed header bricks are used to accent both the arch and the jambs. Some early window frames survive; the door surround, cornice and roofing all date to the 20th century renovation.

The southwest gable wall is laid in random glazed Flemish bond above a plain square-section water table and Flemish bond foundation. The date "1733" is located in the center of the upper gable, delineated with carefully laid glazed headers. Part of the wall has been repaired to eliminate two gable windows probably added in the 19th century, but only the second and fourth numerals were affected by this work, so there is no reason to doubt the validity of this date. An unusual feature of this gable is the glazed brick "tumbling" of the gable eaves. All of the existing windows appear to be cut-in or altered. These include two 4/4 windows on the first story, two 4/2 windows on the second story, and a pair of vents in the upper gable. The molded rakeboards date to the 20th century restoration.

The southeast facade, facing inland, is not as sophisticated as the water facade. The principal entrance was originally offset slightly to south of

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center but was shifted circa 1830 to the north so that it now lines up with the center window on the second story. This six-panel door with four-light transom is flanked by a single 9/6 window on each side; three 9/6 windows are ranged across the second story. An original small window opening at the extreme northeast end of the first story has been bricked up. This window differs from the end windows on the water facade in that it is not the same height as the adjacent 9/6 window. The brickwork on this facade is laid in Flemish bond on the first story above a plain water table and Flemish bond foundation. There is no belt course between the first and second story, and the upper story brickwork is laid in English bond. This juxtaposition of different bonding patterns is more commonly found on a gable wall, where the preferred Flemish pattern is used at eye level and the more practical English bond or American bond is used above.

The northeast gable wall of the main house is almost entirely concealed by the raised two story wing.

The brick wing to the northeast has, as previously noted, undergone several major changes. The front or water facade is laid in glazed header Flemish bond on the first story above a plain water table. The later second story, probably dating to the mid- to late 19th

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century, is laid in common bond. The first story brickwork has been extensively reworked, and three jib doors have been cut in, opening onto a modern screened porch. Three 6/6 windows light the second story.

The northeast end of the northwest or water facade and part of the northeast gable wall are covered by a later two story wing. The upper portion of the gable facade dates entirely to the 20th century, when the 19th century hip roof was changed to a pitched gable roof. The large three part window on the second floor probably dates to the mid-19th century and the single first story window is cut in.

The southeast or land facade is similar to the water facade, with glazed Flemish bond on the first story and common bond on the second. There are three jib doors on the first story and three 6/6 windows on the second story.

The interior of the main house consists of a center passage plan with an unusually broad stair passage originally flanked by a single room on either side. The northeast room was later partitioned to form one chamber on the water facade, a passage to the wing on the land facade, and a bath against the northeast gable wall.

The most significant feature of the interior is certainly the double stair that rises against the

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partition walls to a common landing at the northwest end of the passage and then continues up in a single flight to the second story. It is an open string stair typical of the period circa 1820-40, with delicately turned newels, square balusters and a simple, continuous ramped walnut rail. The stringers are decorated with scrolled stair brackets and the area below the carriage is finished with flat recessed paneling with ogee-astragal panel molds. A pair of small closets with paneled doors are located under the landing on either side of the front entrance. The architrave trim is also typical of the Greek Revival period, consisting of strongly molded pilaster reeding flanked by corner beads and terminated at the corners against turned bullseye corner blocks. It is interesting to note that the 19th century stair is oriented to the land entrance, while the original design of the house was oriented to the water, as was normally the case in the 18th century.

The fireplace in the southwest room is centered on the southwest gable wall and is fitted with a handsome mantel typical of the late Federal period. Fluted half columns flank the opening below oval gougework side and center blocks and a molded shelf with a Greek ogee profile. The window openings are splayed in this room and the interior door opening has paneled soffits and

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jambs. The architrave trim is a simplified version of that found in the stair passage; the six-panel interior door is contemporary with the stair and the architrave trim.

The north room has been partitioned to form a small chamber, a bath and a passage; the fireplace has been blocked. Paneled window jambs and Greek Revival architrave trim are the only significant features.

The second floor of the main house is laid out in similar fashion, but with closets and baths added. A Greek Revival mantel in the south room and Greek architrave trim have survived in place.

The third story has been extensively renovated. The only original feature is a plaster partition that corresponds to the southwest partition of the stair passage below. An interior door opening in this wall is fitted with original Georgian architrave trim and a superb four-panel door hung on H-L hinges. Of particular interest is the yellow ochre paint still evident on the architrave trim and the ghost outline of a bolection mold chair rail on the lock rail of the door.

The first floor of the wing consists of one large room to the southwest and a smaller room now used as the kitchen to the northeast, with a shared chimney

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stack in between. The fireplaces are fitted with unusual mantels that probably date to the mid-19th century alterations. The second floor of the wing has been partitioned into numerous small rooms. The outline of the earlier hip roof is outlined in the northeast gable wall of the main house, visible from the unfinished attic of the wing. The most notable feature of the cellar under the wing is the insulated plaster fill between the ceiling joists, a feature found only rarely in this area.

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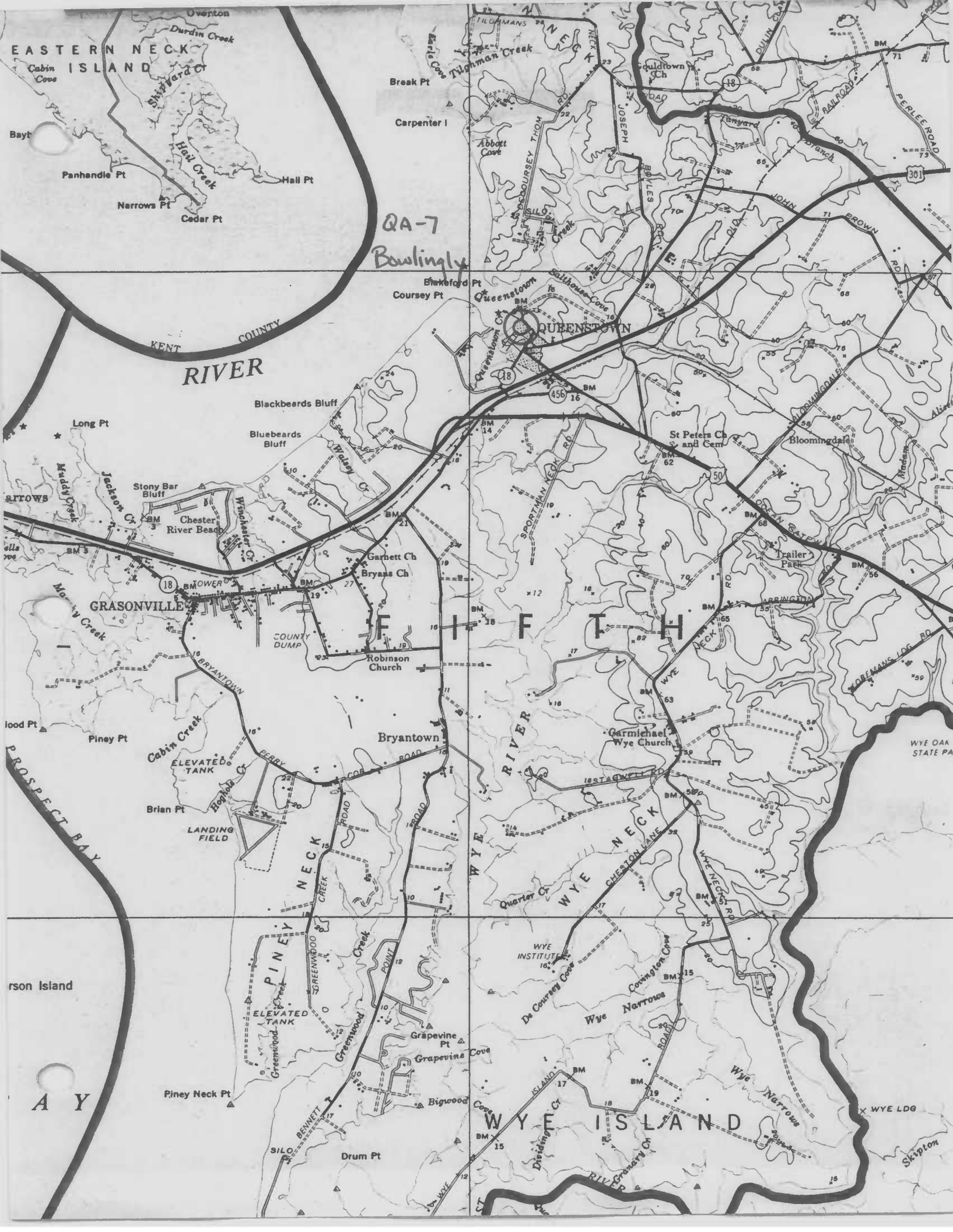
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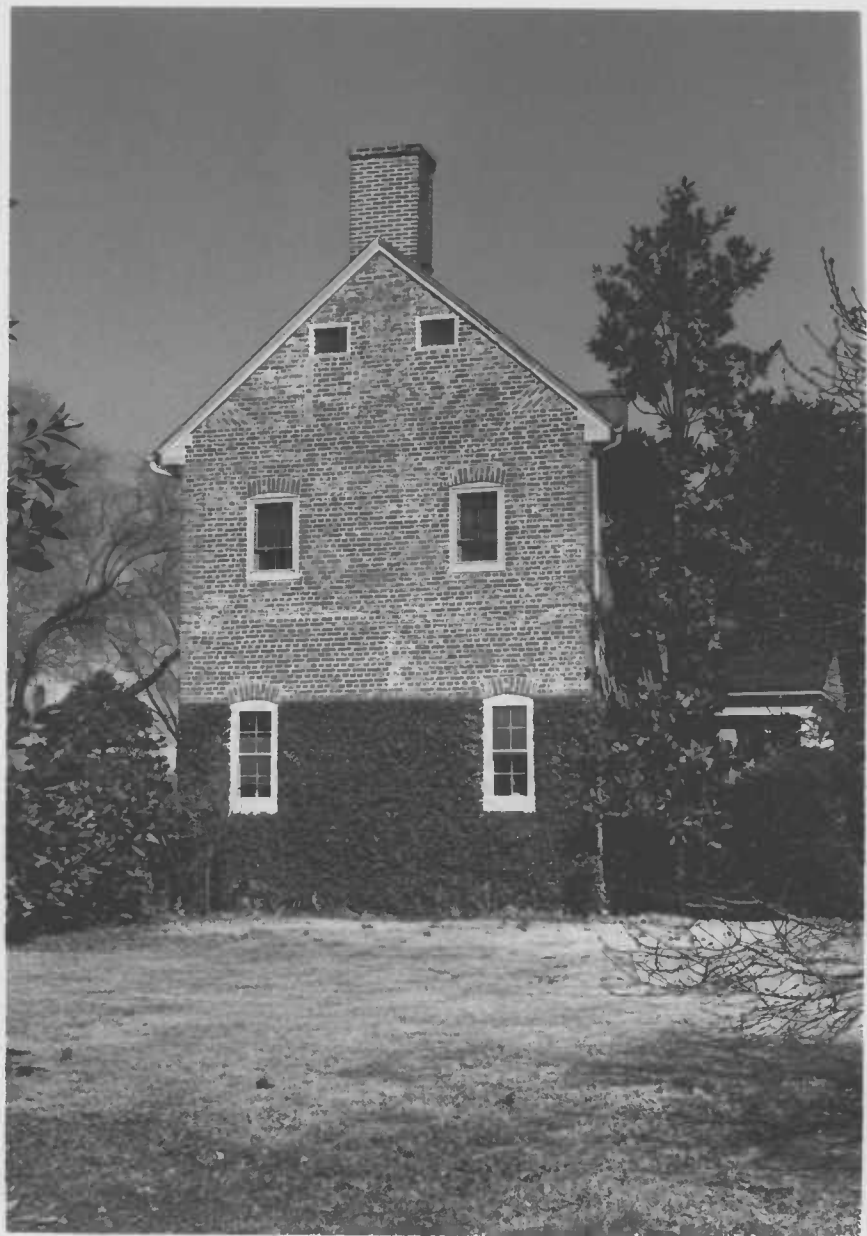
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The House at "Bolingly" in Queenstown before the alterations done by the Railroad. This picture was probably taken about 1890. The Mitchells sold "Bolingly" in 1895.